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International Conference Darwin 26-28 July 1995

'INDONESIA & REGIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION'

This is ADVICE No.1, 16/1/95 and 31/1/95, and is a call for expressions of interest in an International Conference W95 (Wallaby 95), 'Indonesia and Regional Conflict Resolution' to be held in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, in the last week of July 1995.

The conference will be held Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th July 1995 at the NT University campus. Saturday 29th will be a day of Cultural activities with participants and the local East Timorese community. Sunday 30th is for visits to parks or relaxing; plus a meeting of members of the Australian Coalition for East Timor. Monday 31st July is for a proposed meeting of APCET (the Asia Pacific Coalition for East Timor), marking mid-1995 campaign program, and being a chance to assess strategies for August and the rest of the year.

While AFFET will provide the main organising secretariat, the organising committee will be community based, with interim chairperson Rob Wesley-Smith. The conference is supported by the NT University Students Union, Student Supporters of East Timor, Lafaek Cultural Association, Community Aid Abroad Darwin Branch, the Coalition Against Kangaroo Exercises, CNRM, and Womens Embassy; and we continue to discuss positions with political parties, ETRA, Amnesty and Indonesian supporters.

A formal academic conference on East Timor Conflict Resolution will be held at ANU Canberra in mid July 1995, and the results of their discussions will be presented to us. Further, some international delegates will want to attend both distinctive meetings.

The SCOPE of W95 covers the countries and situations influenced by the form and nature of the Indonesian military government and militarism in the region. The AIM is to cover the scope and to prepare recommendations for resolution of the conflicts involved or for improvement to the present situation.

The METHOD:

- Day 1. 1 or 2 short (15 mins) position/ keynote papers per topic, plus limited discussion;
- Day 2. Discussions towards formulating solutions to conflicts outlined or discovered;
- Day 3. Discuss the conflict resolution drafts, Adopt them as our own, and Present them to the world! Simple! Plus introductions, social and cultural breaks etc. Easy!

The STYLE will be aimed at being pragmatic, inclusive, non-pretentious, and friendly. Speeches will be expected to conform to the above, not be overtime or boring or repetitive, relevant, and humour will be encouraged. Our keynote speakers are still to be confirmed, but we are confident of much expertise amongst participants, which we will expect to draw on. The role of chairpersons will be crucial. Suggested topics see next page.

The ASSOCIATED PROGRAM will be as follows:

Wednesday evening	Reception probably at NTU or La Faek Cultural Association
Thursday evening	Dinner at famous multicultural markets at Mindil Beach
Friday evening	Concert or films
Saturday	Culture and Camping (bush stay over)
Sunday	ACET meeting, bush trips, discussions, relax
Monday	APCET meeting, returns from visits, prepare for Actions

Tuesday 1st August: Some may wish to check out the actions with the Kangaroo 95 Military Exercises which start in the area on this day. For the first time Indonesian army units (expect Red Berets) have been invited to participate. Given that such units are still killing civilians in East Timor, this invitation by the Australian Government is seen by many as quite inappropriate. In previous years some have handed leaflets to Indonesian naval staff.

About Darwin: Darwin is the closest Australian city to Asia, Indonesia and East Timor, and it's most multicultural. The weather is superb in July, with pleasant warm days and cool nights. It is situated on a superb harbour with excellent swimming in July, and is close to the famous Kakadu National Park, and to excellent Litchfield and other Parks, and to the world class Wildlife Park, Crocodile Farms etc. This city of 70-80,000 is well served by airlines, and has many excellent hotels and restaurants. However it is a popular tourist destination at this time of the year, with the Darwin Show and Darwin Cup (horse racing carnival) adding to the visitors. We have pre-booked only a few rooms, in anticipation that most delegates will be happy to be billeted. Please advise soon if you want hotel accommodation. We will organise free billeting and/or camping for all who want it, please bring sleeping bags.

The Northern Territory Government in recent years has adopted a public stance aggressively pro-SE Asia, Indonesia, and Eastern Indonesia in particular. We hope to gain its support for this conference. We also would like to think that the Indonesian Government would find our deliberations fruitful and would contribute, and if so that will be welcomed. We are mindful however of the pressure placed on the Philippines Government in May/June 1994 re APCET.

FUNDS We have yet to secure outside funding for this conference, so except for key invited speakers, travel subsidies may be very limited. On ground costs to delegates should, however, be minimal. We will be putting the program and other matters in place as soon as possible. Your suggestions and support is welcomed.

TOPICS are along the following lines at this stage, and we still are looking for logical groupings, more specific foci, and any other suggestions:

Regional Conflicts:	Aceh, West Papua, East Timor, Malaysia, Philippines
Political & Rights issues:	Transmigration, Women's Rights, Labour Rights, Human Rights, Constitutionality
Ecological issues:	Fishing, Poaching & Fish Farming, Logging & Clear-Felling, Sandalwood, Atomic Energy Expansion, Mining, OIL
Military:	Arsenals, Strategies and Trends, Militarism, Alternatives